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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notice of Reason for Rejection that was mailed on January 6, 2004 (together with an English language translation of the same), with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-188367, in which the following documents were cited:

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-112778, which was published on April 23, 1999. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 12, 2003, and thus a copy is not being enclosed herewith;

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- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-331473, which was published on November 30, 1999. Applicant notes that this document was also previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 12, 2003, and thus a copy is not being enclosed herewith;
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- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-90254, which was published on March 24, 1992, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Notice of Reason for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of document (4) is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Notice of Reason for Rejection, and its English language translation are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant includes herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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